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For: **COPPER ALLOY MATERIAL FOR PARTS OF ELECTRONIC AND
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Note that all references were listed in a European Search Report. A copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed. U.S. Patent No. 5,463,247 and EP 0440548 on the Search Report are omitted herewith, since they were disclosed in the IDS filed on March 7, 2002 and February 13, 2003 in this application.

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